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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Hideaki TADA, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/380,276

Confirmation No. Not Yet Assigned

Group Art Unit: 1646

Filed: August 27, 1999

Examiner: E. O'Hara

For: NOVEL POLYPEPTIDES, DNAs ENCODING THE SAME AND USES THEREOF

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This response is submitted in answer to the Office Action dated February 20, 2001, making a response to the Action due on or before March 20, 2001. This response is being timely filed.

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are before the Examiner for consideration.

In the Office Action dated February 20, 2001, the Examiner issued a Restriction Requirement requiring an election as between:

Group I - Claims 1-8, drawn to polypeptides, polynucleotides, vectors and host cells,
and

Group II - Claims 9 and 10, drawn to antibodies.

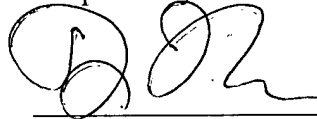
In response to this Requirement, Applicants elect **Group I**, without traverse.

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In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

Respectfully submitted,



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